

Introduction to Forensic Drug Chemistry

Section I10A

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Introduction: Welcome to the online Introduction to Forensic Drug Chemistry course. We hope that you enjoy this course. If you have any questions or comments about this course please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try to answer you as soon as possible; however, email and phone messages are not checked over the weekends.

Course Information: The Introduction to Forensic Drug Chemistry course has an average completion time of 32 hours. This is a sufficient amount of time to complete the course, but if you need additional time you have until **February 28, 2011**. All extensions must be requested before the close of the semester.

Course Description: This online course serves as an introduction and basic overview of forensic drug chemistry. It covers a wide variety of topics associated with controlled substances; including history of drug control, the structure of current drug laws in the United States, history of individual drugs, and specific analytical approaches for specific sample types.

Assessments/Activities: This course has the following assessments: Pretest, Quizzes 1-21, Course Evaluation, and Post Test. The assessments follow a release schedule based on what you have previously completed. You must take the Pretest before any of the Quizzes become available. You must finish all Quizzes before the Course Evaluation is available. All of the previously mentioned assessments must be completed before the Post Test is available.

Discussion Posts: Please take a moment to introduce yourself. Let us and your fellow class members know more about what you do. You can click on the Discussion Area on the Course Tools. Also, if you feel that a topic yields to a discussion, please feel free to use the Discussion Area.

Grades: You must have a grade of 80% or better in all Assessments (quizzes and Post Test) in order to complete the course. You can check your grades by selecting **My Grades** on the left tool bar. Once all assessments (pre-test, quizzes, post test) and course evaluation are complete you will receive a certificate of completion in the mail.

Policies: We monitor each student's progress once registered and if the course is not accessed (nor completed) within the semester then the **\$30 no-access/no-completion fee** will be charged to you.

Course Work Check List: This list includes everything that needs to be completed in order to receive your certificate of completion.

| Complete | Assessments |
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| | Pre-Test |
| | Quiz 1-Drug Chemistry: Overview |
| | Quiz 2-History of Controlled Substance Legislation in the US |
| | Quiz 3-Drug Classifications |
| | Quiz 4-Structure of Current Drug Laws |
| | Quiz 5-Structural Activity Relationships |
| | Quiz 6-Marijuana |
| | Quiz 7-Marijuana Analysis |
| | Quiz 8-Other Controlled Substance Analysis |
| | Quiz 9-Stimulants: Cocaine |
| | Quiz 10-Stimulants: Amphetamines |
| | Quiz 11-Other Stimulants |
| | Quiz 12-Depressants, Heroin, and Other Opiates |
| | Quiz 13-Other Depressants |
| | Quiz 14-Hallucinogens: LSD |
| | Quiz 15-Hallucinogens: Psilocybe Mushrooms |
| | Quiz 16-Hallucinogens: MDMA |
| | Quiz 17-Additional Hallucinogens |
| | Quiz 18-Dissociatives |
| | Quiz 19-Anabolic Steroids |
| | Quiz 20-Clandestine Laboratories |
| | Quiz 21-Miscellaneous Topics |
| | Course Evaluation |
| | Post Test |

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